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**CANTOR BILL PASSED.**  
Postponing Election of Constitutional Convention Delegates.

**Three Senators and Eight Assemblymen Vole Against It.**

**Proposal to Elect Delegates by Assembly Districts Beaten.**

ALBANY, Jan. 4.—The Senate met this morning shortly after 10 o'clock to consider the bill amending the Constitutional Convention law introduced by Senator Cantor yesterday and ordered to a third reading.

Senator Smith offered several amendments, the purpose of which was to provide for the election of delegates, one from each of the 128 Assembly districts, instead of four from each Senatorial District.

In many of the Senatorial districts one county might be so strong, as to enable it to elect the delegates. Delegates coming from each Assembly district would be more in touch with the people.

Senator Saxton said the county was the primary political division of the state. There were four Senatorial districts which had five or more counties. He suggested that districts containing more than four counties should be allowed a number of delegates equal to the number of counties.

Senator Cantor thought that the Senatorial district plan was the best, because with delegates and Assemblymen are chosen at the same election the nomination for delegate is very likely to go to the disappointed candidate for the Assembly.

Senator Edwards thought that the bill ought to pass, because the people had already waited six years for a Constitution and ought to have it. He praised the bill because it allowed women to be voted for as delegates, and he hoped that some women would be chosen to the convention.

Senator O'Connor thought that the Senatorial district plan would increase the Senatorial representation. He objected to the six delegates assigned to parties nominating Senator McMahon and the fatal defect in the bill was that it was a vote of 24 to 24. The Senate then adjourned.

Senator McMahon's amendment was lost by a vote of 113 yeas to 80 nays. The bill now goes to the Governor.

Assemblyman Allyn introduced today a concurrent resolution requesting the representatives of the State to the National Convention to secure the enactment of the present session of Congress, which will effectually result in the election of a President most likely to bring about the union of the United States.

The Assembly passed the bill later by a vote of 113 yeas to 80 nays. The bill now goes to the Governor.

**SENIATORIAL CAUCUS, JAN. 10.**  
Democratic Call Issued by Senator Plunkitt To-Day.

ALBANY, Jan. 4.—Senator Plunkitt, Chairman of the Senate Caucus Committee, today announced a joint Democratic caucus to be held in the Albany Chamber Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, at 8 o'clock, to decide on a candidate for United States Senator.

**WOOD'S STORY OF CONSPIRACY**  
Foreign News of the Day.

**His Friends Were Led to Believe Him Dead.**

HAMILTON, Wood, who a dozen years ago was a well-known Broadway art dealer, and who last week escaped from the Worcester, Mass., Lunatic Asylum, where he had been confined since 1880, rehearsed to an Evening World reporter today, the story of an alleged conspiracy by which he claims to have been placed in the Asylum although sane at the time.



HAMILTON WOOD.

Mr. Wood is a small, thin man, with a closely cropped gray beard and bald head. He is now in the neighborhood of sixty years of age, and his tale of kidnapping and confinement in Massachusetts insane asylums is startling.

The Evening World reporter found Mr. Wood, at 18 East Seventeenth street, the office of a friend with whom he is making his headquarters, preparatory to sailing for Europe.

"For years," said Mr. Wood, "I was an art dealer on Broadway. I lived with my wife and child at the Canada House, in Lafayette place, and my income was not less than \$12,000 a year."

In June, 1880, I was suffering from overwork, and my wife, who was visiting in Boston, was telegraphed for and she came home. She asked me whether I was sick, and when I replied that I was only tired from overwork, she was surprised to find that she began to tremble.

"When I was doped and urged by a strange physician, one day I was taken to the Lunatic Asylum of Massachusetts, where I have been ever since. Instead of my sister's home I was removed to the Danvers insane asylum, and my commitment papers being signed by my sister."

"Six months afterwards I was transferred to the Worcester Asylum, where I remained until 1884, a private patient, when I was taken back to the Lunatic Asylum of Massachusetts for a second confinement. I have been there ever since."

"My wife, who is now working in Boston, only came to see me once a year. She did not want me out, fearing, perhaps, that I might injure her. But I interested friends in my case, and they helped me to escape and come to this city. At no time was I ever insane."

"I was kidnapped my business was worth at least \$25,000, and I was put out of the way to enable some people to get control of my business. I was taken through the city by a secret passage, and I was taken to the Lunatic Asylum of Massachusetts, where I have been ever since."

**CONGRESS HOLIDAY OVER.**  
But Few Members of the House at the Resuming Session.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The holiday recess of Congress ended at noon today, and at that hour half the members of the House were in the chamber.

**FOREIGN NEWS OF THE DAY.**

**Russian Generals Say War with Germany Would Be Popular.**

**Bold Speech by a Hungarian Patriot - The King Rebuked.**

PARIS, Jan. 4.—In view of what has been published regarding the effect of the Panama scandal on the relations between France and Russia, the *Figaro* correspondent sought interviews with Gen. Komaroff and Gen. Tchernoff, well-known Russian officers, to learn their opinions regarding the situation.

Both generals expressed themselves as confident that the Panama affair would have no effect upon the friendship Russia entertained for France.

In speaking of the general European situation, Gen. Komaroff and Tchernoff declared that a war with Germany would be the most popular of all wars.

**A HUNGARIAN'S BOLD SPEECH.**  
Rebuke for the King - Patriotism Above the Confession.

LOVONOS, Jan. 4.—The Vienna correspondent of the *Daily News* says that a sensation has been caused throughout Austria and Hungary by a daring speech made by Herr Lovonos, the leader of the Hungarian independence party.

Herr Lovonos denied the right of the King to be offended with subjects of a nation standing unapproachably high above all others. The King, he said, must be made to understand that he may be angry with foolish advisers, but not with the people.

The speaker also condemned the action of the Catholic party in trying to force the King against the Nationalists and Liberals as rebellious subjects. "The Liberals," said the speaker, "regard Hungary as more precious than their religion, and will renounce the confession rather than their patriotism."

The independence of our country must be the aim of our National politics.

The newspapers of Vienna have not dared to publish an exact report of the speech. They substitute "the crown" for "the King" wherever the latter expression is used.

**LADY ORDE'S HOUSE BURNED.**  
She and Her Household Rescued but Family Heirloom Lost.

LOVONOS, Jan. 4.—Early this morning Lady Orde's residence on Seymour street was found to be on fire. The flames gained such rapid headway that escape by the ordinary exits was cut off, and for a time it seemed that Lady Orde and her servants in the upper floors would perish.

One servant woman was about to leap from the window to the street, but the firemen and the crowd shouted to her not to risk her life and that she would surely be rescued.

Lady Orde, who appeared at one of the windows, showed remarkable courage, and remained in her room as long as possible, waiting for the firemen to arrive.

**CAT AWAY ON FRYING PAN.**

**Schooner Levanter's Crew Rescued Off Hatteras.**

**A Woman and a Child in the Shipwrecked Company.**

The American bark Herbert Fuller, which arrived in this port late yesterday from Brunswick, Ga., brought with her Capt. Bunker, his wife and twelve-year-old son, and the crew of the schooner Levanter, twelve persons all told, who were adrift on the Flying Pan ship, off Cape Hatteras, Christmas eve.

When sighted by the Fuller Dec. 27 the Levanter's crew were clinging to the top of the schooner's after-house, where they had been lashed for fifty-three hours.

The schooner had sunk to the upper deck and the waves swept over it with terrific fury, threatening to wash all hands overboard.

The clothing of the unfortunate had frozen stiff to their bodies.

To add to the misery of their plight, the fire in the galley had long before being extinguished, and not daring to go forward, the crew had not tasted food for many hours and were nearly starved as well as frozen.

The hull of the schooner had become unmanageable on account of the steering gear refusing to work, and the Levanter was completely at the mercy of wind and wave when Capt. Nash rescued the despairing crew.

The Levanter was built at Thomaston, Me., she was carrying a cargo of pitchblende from Brunswick, Ga., which port she left a few days before the Fuller. She was owned by Snow & Burroughs, of 60 South street, and was bound to this port. The schooner was of 441 tons burden.

**LOOKS BLUE FOR SKATERS.**  
Van Cortlandt Lake Open and a Snowstorm Coming.

Skaters today will be confined officially to Van Cortlandt Lake, in the Amved District. Observer Dunn, of the Weather Forecasting Bureau, says that although the weather will remain cold for the next thirty-six hours there will probably be a snowstorm to-morrow, which will render the skating ponds unfit for use, even should the Parks authorities decide to throw them open to the public.

Besides, Mr. Dunn predicts a warmer weather from Friday forward, and has grave doubts concerning the likelihood of skaters dispersing themselves on the ice in Central Park for a very long time to come.

**READING PREPARING FOR WAR.**  
Battle with the Engineers' Brotherhood to Come in the Spring.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 4.—Trouble is threatening between the Reading Railroad and those of its engineers and firemen who belong to the Brotherhood and kindred organizations.



THE PRESENT ATTITUDE OF THE RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSIONERS.

**HAD GILROY'S FIRST PERMIT.**

But Comstock is held for allowing a child on his stage.

Manager Alexander Comstock, of Nibbles Garden, and his stage manager, J. R. Dixon, appeared in the Tombs Police Court this morning at the instigation of Agent Barclay, of the Gery Society.

It was charged by the Society people that a child, Kate Hughes, eight years of age, was allowed to appear upon the stage at Nibbles Garden.

The child's mother, Mrs. Lizzie Hughes, of 424 West Twenty-fourth street, was also cited, but as she was in Philadelphia she failed to put in an appearance. The child was not in court.

An application was made for a permit to allow the child to act two weeks ago, but it was not issued until yesterday, when Mayor Thomas F. Gilroy issued his first permit. This was produced in court.

In his opinion, connected with the case and he was discharged, but justice trial held Manager Comstock, in \$200 for trial in the court of Special Sessions.

**ROSE LEDDY'S BURIAL PLACE.**  
Montclair Police Say They Have Nothing to Do with the Case.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Jan. 4.—The Montclair police are not doing anything to an Charles King and his wife, of 348 East Sixty-fifth street, New York, to discover what became of the body of Rose Leddy, who was a sister to Mrs. King.

The latter had not heard anything of her sister in over a year, when she called at the Montclair police station yesterday afternoon, and then learned for the first time that Rose Leddy had died in an insane asylum a year ago.

She was said to be married with Edward King, a young drug clerk. She was employed as a domestic in the family of a Mr. Graham, Montclair, N. J., for a number of years, and was very attractive looking.



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**CAPSID BY AN ICE FLOE.**

The lighter George Henry Goes Down with a Big Cargo.

The lighter George Henry, Capt. Nelson, owned by John McCrory & Sons, which was lying in the slip at the south side of pier 45, North River, was struck by a large ice floe, which was forced into the slip by the strong tide at 4 o'clock this morning and capsized.

The lighter lay on her side this morning in thirteen feet of water, just off the south end of the pier.

She had been loading yesterday with general merchandise from the White Star steamship Britannic, consigned to James E. Ward & Co., of the Ward Steamship line.

The goods consisted principally of groceries and dry goods, with some hardware and machinery, and were destined for the island of Nassau, in the West Indies, to which place to make her last statement in bond.

It is said that the value of the merchandise on the sunken lighter is about \$5,000. It is fully insured.

Capt. Nelson was making preparations to raise the lighter this morning and thinks it will be raised by the end of the week. The wrecking company are now working on the vessel with derricks.

**SHOT AT A POLICEMAN.**  
Saloon-keeper Murphy Says He Was Attacked by an Officer On Duty.

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The sergeant informed Murphy of the policeman's name and number, and it is said that he went to Police Headquarters and made charges against the officer.

The policeman, who is said to be Charles Ackerman, has not been seen since. He has not been home nor had he been seen at his precinct.

Murphy, who is a saloon-keeper, was charged in court with carrying concealed weapons, but Justice Grady dismissed the case.

**FIRE IN THE "POOR CLOSET."**  
It Causes Some Excitement in the Deaconess Home.

There was a slight fire at 6:45 o'clock this morning in the Deaconess Home and Training school of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at 241 West Sixteenth street.

Besides Miss Isabelle A. Reeves, the superintendent, sixteen women were in the home at the time of the outbreak. All were up and getting ready to attend prayer-meeting.

The place where the fire occurred was a room on the top floor known as the "poor closet." Donations for the poor are kept there.

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